

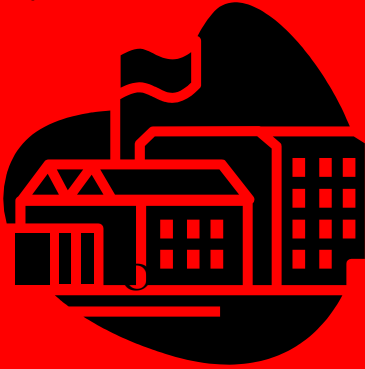
# Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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## Teacher Notes:

Thank you to all of the parents and students who came to our Back to School Night!

Good news! Our class won a pizza party for the most participation for the last HJB Fox's pizza night.

HJB is collecting dimes for juvenile diabetes; please send in your loose change for the kindergarten collection jar.

## Language Arts:

Continuing to learn about the letter "m" was combined with some fun mice activities. There are wonderful children's books about mice that tie in well with our curriculum. One of my favorite authors is Leo Lionni, and I shared several of his stories with the children including Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse. We also read several of Laura Numeroff's books, but we had the most fun with the book, If you give a mouse a cookie.... The children learned about circle stories, and we made a puppet and stuffed it with picture cues to aid in the retelling of the story along with a special treat for you to share as a family. My favorite was learning about If you take a mouse to the movies..., because we popped popcorn after the story. YUM! Other activities included making mouse headbands and acting out the story, "Who ate the cheese?" To end our mouse unit, we read the book Mouse Paint and were able to learn about mixing colors to make new colors. We experimented with the colors with food color and water, and then made a book by mixing paint. Each child also pressed white play dough with food coloring to find out the color. Ask your child to tell you about all these fun stories and activities.

## Math:

It is always fun to tie literature in with a math lesson, so to practice counting backwards from 10, I shared the book, Mouse Count, with the children. It was a fun book about a snake, some mice, and a jar; ask your child to share with you. We also learned about tally marks by making a chart: "Do you like cheese?" Most of us like cheese, but there was a few of us who did not. To end our "m" math, we sorted M&M's by color, completed an individual graph, then made a class graph of our favorite color M&M.

## Other Activities:

In center time, we made maracas, built tracks for marbles, and played a matching game.

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### Upcoming Events:

- October 11 – No School for Students!
- October 18– PALS Testing begins
- October 26 – Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
- October 28 –Rain Date for Pumpkin Patch

## Special Reminders:

- Ice Cream for Kindergarten is on Mondays! Please send in 65 cents to purchase ice cream. If you do not wish for your child to have ice cream, please let us know.
- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!
- You may send in a disposable camera with your child's name for use throughout the year.

## Homework:

Please check your child's book bag nightly for the homework folder and the daily folder. Also, please try to practice writing your child's first name in cursive nightly; please remember to say the language of instruction for each letter when practicing. If practicing the whole name is too much, then pick a letter in your child's name to practice. Please do not get yourself or your child frustrated when practicing cursive; you should only spend 10 minutes or so at a time on cursive writing practice.

*"You only have to  
read on the days  
you eat!"*

## Next Week:

We will begin our study of the letter "f" and we have lots of fun activities planned for the "Family and Friends" unit. Please complete the family scrap book page and return to us.

**\*Please contact me with any  
questions and concerns:  
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